ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF
An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 20 October 2020

Overview
The agenda of matters considered at this meeting is available on the Academic Senate website. The resolutions and minutes of the meeting remain subject to change and will be published on the website following ratification at the next Academic Senate meeting, scheduled for 24 November 2020.

Key agenda items, outcomes and resolutions are highlighted in this brief and are not intended to replace the full minutes.

Matters resolved
Academic Senate passed 20 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

COURSES: NEW AND CHANGES
Amendment to Master of Applied Economics (Res 20/100)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Master of Applied Economics, with immediate effect.

Request for exemption from the Assessment Policy requirement to publish examination papers in the Library (Res 20/105)
Academic Senate approved the exemption from the requirement of Schedule 4 of the Assessment Policy to publish the final examination papers on the University Library website for the following unit offerings:
   i. MEDI8100 – Applied Medical Sciences 1, with effect from Session 1, 2021;
   ii. MEDI8101 – Clinical Practice 1, with effect from Session 1, 2021;
   iii. MEDI8103 – Applied Medical Sciences 2, with effect from Session 2, 2020; and
   iv. MEDI8104 – Clinical Practice 2, with effect from Session 2, 2020.

Proposals approved by Executive Action (Res 20/112)
Members ratified other course proposals related to 2021 course schedule changes which were approved under Executive Action.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Policy amendments in response to COVID-19 Pandemic (Res 20/97)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Assessment Policy Schedule 1 Grading Requirements and Schedule 4 Final Examination Requirements, and the Special Consideration Procedure and Supporting Evidence Schedule with effect from 1 January 2021, which will remove emergency amendments introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

General Coursework Rules: Final report from Review of the Requirements for Practical, Clinical and Professional Courses; and Governance Services (Res 20/98)
Academic Senate endorsed amendments to the General Coursework Rules for recommendation to Council.

Curriculum Architecture Policy and Principles (Res 20/99)
Academic Senate ratified the Academic Senate Standing Committee’s approval of amendments to the Undergraduate Curriculum Architecture Model Principles and Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Model Principles, noting that Appendix A for each set of Principles has been approved by the Executive Group. Senate also approved related amendments to the Curriculum Architecture Policy with immediate effect.
Review of the Learning and Teaching Awards and Grants Policy and Procedure (Res 20/101)
Academic Senate approved the revised Learning and Teaching Awards and Grant Policy and Procedure with immediate effect.

Amendments to Higher Degree Research Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examinations Policy and Procedures (Res 20/102)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Higher Degree Research Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examinations Policy and Procedures and the introduction of the iThenticate Procedure, all with immediate effect.

Assessment Policy: Report from Working Group (Res 20/108)
Academic Senate noted a report on the review of the Assessment Policy by a working group of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee. Members noted that a workshop would be held to discuss the draft policy, and the final draft will be submitted to the next meeting of Academic Senate for approval.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res 20/106)
Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as at 12 October 2020 and received advice on a new policy management system to be introduced in early 2021.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Planning 2021 Projects for Academic Senate and its Committees (Res 20/107)
Academic Senate noted a report on planning for the 2021 schedule of projects for Academic Senate and its committees.

Response to External Review of Academic Senate: Progress Report (Res 20/109)
Members noted an update on the response to the external review of Academic Senate and approved amendments to the Standing Orders of the Academic Senate and the Standing Orders of the Committees of the Academic Senate.

Post-Implementation Review of Support and Recognition for Students involved in Academic Governance (Res 20/110)
Academic Senate received a progress report from the co-chairs of the Post-Implementation Review of Support and Recognition for Students involved in Academic Governance project.

OTHER MATTERS

- The Vice-Chancellor reported on a number of matters including relevant items from the recent Federal Budget, the passage of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020, discussions with the NSW Government on arrangements to allow international students to return, a recent case of coronavirus on campus, and announcements regarding decisions to not offer some courses, course components and units in 2021;
- The Pro Vice- Chancellor (HDR Partnerships and Training) provided an update on a student question regarding support for HDR students;
- The Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in her portfolio, including an update on TEQSA re-accreditation activities;
- Academic Senate commended the development of the Macquarie University Research Integrity: Authorship Standard and Peer Review Standard (Res 20/103);
- Members noted the final version of the Professional Learning and Capability Enhancement: Framework for Learning and Teaching Staff Development (PLaCE Framework) (Res 20/104);
- The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) gave a brief presentation on the draft Micro-credentials Policy and Procedure (Res 20/110);
- Members noted a presentation on the savings case to allow the posthumous award of the Bachelor of Professional Accounting to Luke Gardoni SN 45448299, noting that a letter of condolence will be sent to his family (Res 20/111);
- Academic Senate noted the schedule of meeting dates for 2021 (Res 20/113);
- Members noted an update on elections for staff and student positions on Academic Senate (Res 20/114); and
• Members ratified executive action taken by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res 20/112) to approve:
  o appointments to the membership of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee;
  o the award of the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence to coursework graduands;
  o the posthumous award of the Bachelor of Professional Accounting to Luke Gardoni SN 45448299; and
  o late changes to 2021 curriculum.

COMMITTEES OF ACADEMIC SENATE AND FACULTY BOARDS

Committees of Academic Senate
Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Research and Research Training Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in September and October 2020. Members also noted a report of a circular resolution considered by Academic Senate Standing Committee in September 2020 and the 2020 Annual Report of the University Medal Committee.

Faculty Boards
Academic Senate noted the reports of the Macquarie Business School Faculty Board and Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board meetings held in August and September 2020.

University Discipline Committee
Academic Senate noted the summary report for University Discipline Committee meetings held in August and September 2020, including explanatory advice from the Chair of Academic Senate.